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PRESS RELEASE

With USAID assistance, the “Goce Delcev” (Stip) and “St. Cyril and Methodius” (Sveti Nikole) primary schools receive new windows

The American people, through the USAID Primary Education Project (PEP), have helped the municipalities of Stip and Sv. Nikole to replace old windows in two primary schools. The “Goce Delcev” and “St. Cyril and Methodius” schools are among the 100 primary schools to be renovated in partnership between USAID PEP, municipalities and school communities. PEP will invest over \$3 million in these renovations throughout the life of the project.

“By renovating this school, we are creating not only a better learning environment, but also an environment that is safe for our students,” said Donche Stojanov, the School Principal of “Goce Delcev.” “The benefits from this project will be felt by many generations of students to come.”

“With generous support from the American people, our dream has finally become a reality,” commented the principal of the “St. Cyril and Methodius” school Valerija Ivanovska. “Today, our children can step into warmer and brighter classrooms!”

PEP’s renovation component supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase the access and use of information technology, and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools.

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